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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE  
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

The undersigned spoke with Examiner Cynthia Collins on June 9, 2004 by telephone and agreed to an Examiner's Amendment to place the claims in condition for allowance. Specifically, the records of the undersigned reflect that it was agreed that claim 9, line 3 would be amended to substitute "consisting of" for "comprising."

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